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JOE PAINTING.—Our friends and patrons are notified that we are now prepared to execute every kind of Joe PAINTING with despatch and in the best manner, at prices as low as in any other office in Washington. Job Printers are also notified that we are prepared to do every description of press-work that can be executed on double cylinder and Adams' power-presses. So, also, has the Star office a Book Bindery connected with it, equal in its capacity to turn out book binding of all descriptions to any other in the District of Columbia.

SPIRIT OF THE MORNING PRESS. The *Intelligencer* contains an interesting editorial synopsis of the speech delivered yesterday by Mr. Seward in the Senate on the Central American question, wherein that gentleman greatly distinguished himself as a northern anti-Democratic statesman, by taking and maintaining with great force a position on the exciting questions between Great Britain and the United States, such as, if we remember correctly, no northern anti-Democratic party public man ever held upon such an issue with her hereditary rival.

The *Union* defends the Kansas message of the President.

WASHINGTON NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Refreshing.—The earnestness and pertinacity with which our talented, and ingenious, and truthful neighbor sticks to its system of falsification, even when its conductors must be well aware that all the world know that it is lying, is refreshing beyond description. We owe our readers an apology for using that expression. But in so flagrant a case there is no way of getting around it. With the "Biennial Register," the Blue-Book, open before it, it continues to insist that the amount paid to the *Star* newspaper for advertising for the Government is \$25,000 annually. It quotes from that work payments made to us for job printing, binding, advertisements, &c., &c., in the course of two years, and gravely insists that the sum total shows the amount of government payments to us for services rendered in one year. Thus, it states its case about 100 per centum above the truth. Did we not know that its custom is always to tell falsehoods when they suit its purposes better than the truth, and to stick to them to the bitter end, we might possibly have concluded that its conductors are too ignorant to have known the fact that the blue-book is a biennial, rather than an annual register, and that its figures refer to two years expenditures, rather than one.

We are, however, aware, that last summer its chief conductor was a sort of walking reference concerning the cash value of every office or engagement to serve the Government that the Know Nothing office seekers who surrounded him in such crowds, desired. To answer the questions of those people, he must have thumbed and thumbed and thumbed again every page of the last previous edition of that work. So, he cannot fail to know precisely what the figures he quotes mean. Knowing what they mean, in attempting to palm them on the public as a statement of the payments made to the *Star* in a single year, our talented, truthful and ingenious neighbor has stated a palpable and self-evident falsehood. That journal is utterly destitute of character, not for lack of controversial talent, but through the mendacity which marks the policy with which it is conducted, as evidenced in this, its very last dirty transaction. It has not only thus cut itself off from popular confidence, but from that of those who, on its first establishment, were its patrons and friends; nearly every one of whom will, at this time, regard as an insult the imputation that they sympathize with it directly or indirectly, or are in any manner identified with its statements concerning others, or its intrigues for its own advantage.

A violent, abusive and pretended Southern Rights paper for the first six months of its existence, finding that it can make no money on that tack, it has come to be an ultra anti-slavery sheet, justifying all the political abolitionism of the day, while professing not to take sides on the slavery question. While it has thus lost all the sympathy of the southern men who so lack brains as at one time not to have comprehended the real value of its southern rights protestations, it has not gained the confidence of a single person whose sentiments are opposed to its old professions. All, indeed, now know it for a mere trimmer, a Pandour, a jackall, seeking by expedients which honorable men repudiate, to fill its hungry maw. Having exposed the patent falsehood with which it went out of its way to assail us last, we have just now little more space to devote to it.

We may, however, add, in reply to the last part of its effort to crawl out of the unenviable situation in which its invariable trick of lying has involved it in this particular case, that we print more copies of the *Star* daily, than are printed in all three of the other daily newspaper offices in Washington, together—the *Intelligencer*, the *Union*, and the *Organ*. This is the reason why, when our fellow-citizens really desire to communicate with the public, they prefer to pay us for space in our advertising columns twice the sum, it may be, for which the *Organ* offers in vain to lease to them its columns. Our daily circulation outside of Washington is larger than the whole daily circulation of any other paper printed in this city—to say nothing of our circulation in Washington, which is larger in proportion to population, we sincerely believe, than that of any other paper in any other city in the world. We beg our gentle, talented, ingenious and truthful neighbor to put these few facts in its pipe and smoke 'em. It will thus increase its stock of knowledge. No suggestion that can possibly be made will increase its stock of moral honesty, so long as it habitually prefers falsehood to truth. So we shall not waste words in advising it to that end.

The Truth of History.—Our neighbor of the *Sentinel*, in his issue of yesterday, explains at length his position with reference to the Senate's printing question, which, as announced in the last issue of the *Star*,

was subsequently disposed of by the election of the senior editor of the *Union*. With the *Sentinel's* misunderstanding with the *Union*, we propose to have nothing whatever to do. Yet we may not inappropriately say, that its publisher is mistaken in the reason why he was elected to be the Printer of the Senate for the last Congress. He says:

"I was elected simply and purely because I was the founder, proprietor, and editor of a public journal which had for its object, and for the pursuit of which it has never varied or departed, the single purpose of advocating the principles of the genuine State Rights Democratic party."

According to the received understanding at the time of his election, if we are not greatly mistaken, he was elected only to defeat the *Union*, which could not be done in any other way. Two or three Democratic Senators were understood to be dissatisfied with the course of the *Union* towards themselves, and two or three became dissatisfied with its course on some public questions; while two or three of them were believed to have voted for the *Sentinel's* publisher because dissatisfied with the course of the administration towards themselves and their immediate friends. The majority of those who voted for the *Sentinel's* publisher two years ago, did so under the belief that they were thus aiding to sustain at this point a journal that would injure the Democratic party by making ceaseless war on the national Administration, whose uncompromising opponent from first to last the *Sentinel* certainly has been. Surely Messrs. Seward, Wade, et al. of the opposition party, did not vote for Mr. Tucker, because he had established at this point a journal devoted to "the single purpose of advocating the principles of the genuine State Rights Democratic party?"

On reflection, we presume our friend of the *Sentinel* will see the force and correctness of our explanation of the mystery of his original election. Throughout the life of his administration, President Pierce has certainly faithfully sustained, (as to its principles and measures,) the policy of the party placing him in power, whatever difference of opinion there may be with reference to the wisdom of some of his appointments. Another Presidential election is at hand, and it is very evident that the Democratic party are going into that contest boldly, and as far as possible exclusively are the measures and principles of the administration of President Pierce. Whatever their personal predilections may be, all the Democratic party members of the Senate heartily endorse the propriety of making the next Presidential contest on the policy we mention above, and they are inclined to do their best to aid their party to win upon it. Hence the fact that its former friends in the Democratic party abandoned the *Sentinel* yesterday, to aid directly or indirectly in the election of Mr. Nicholson—the newspaper exponent of the Administration—to be the Senate's Printer for the Thirty-fourth Congress.

Fashionable Entertainments.—We regret that we cannot comply with requests received of late from many subscribers at a distance, and chronicle in detail the entertainments given by the eminent and the fashionable of this metropolis. Our "folio of four pages," already crowded to overflowing with the political and local news of the day, would not contain even brief mention of the many brilliant reunions which have enlivened the present season. The official dinners at the White House—the receptions of Secretaries Davis, Guthrie, McClelland, and Campbell—the brilliant ball and matinee of Misses Senator Sillidell, Fish, and Thompson—the delightful parties of Mrs. Dr. Pyne, Mrs. Major Lyndsay, Mrs. W. C. Johnson—the hotel "hops," for it is leap year, and the ladies love to hop before they leap—the dinners of Mr. Cramp-ton, and other diplomats—all these and scores of other equally pleasant entertainments have occupied the attention of the beau monde, notwithstanding the doleful Jeremiahs of letter-writers that "Washington is dull."

The prominent ball of the season was given last night, at the hospitable mansion of Mrs. George Parker, on the corner of Four-and-a-half and C streets. At least a thousand guests, comprising "the good, the great, the gifted and the gay," thronged the elegantly furnished saloons, while Euphonia's fine band performed new dancing music, obtained expressly from New York. Later in the evening, the guests were welcomed at the supper-table below, which was covered with luxuries and delicacies, served in Gaudier's best style, and adding to the *colat* with which every thing passed off. It was, indeed, a magnificent affair, which will be long remembered by the many who enjoyed the courteous attentions of the host and hostess—

"Of all that did chance, (twere a long tale to tell, Of the dancers and dresses, and who was the belle; But each was so happy, and all were so fair, That night stole away, and the morn caught them there."

The gaieties of the evening were not confined to the Fourth Ward. Dinner parties were given by the President and by the Secretary of War, while there was a fashionable ball at the new and elegant residence of Mrs. Dr. Wood, on I street. This evening there is to be a large party given by Mrs. Clem. Hill, and next week the gay throng are invited by Mrs. Geo. Webb and Mrs. Geo. Pennington, besides the balls at Willard's and at Brown's—

"On with the dance! let joy be unconfin'd! No step too wild, when youth and pleasure meet, To chase the glowing hours with flying feet."

Army Officers Resigned.—The resignations of the following officers have been accepted by the President, to take effect at the dates set opposite their respective names: First Lieut. Richard S. Smith, fourth artillery—January 13, 1856.

First Lieut. Horace Haldeman, eighth infantry—February 1, 1856.

First Lieut. Robert B. Thomas, second artillery—January 31, 1856.

Second Lieut. Malcolm H. Nicholls, tenth infantry—January 31, 1856.

Limited Partnerships.—It is to be hoped that Congress, ere the close of the present session, will accord to the District of Columbia a law authorizing "limited partnerships." We know nothing else, in the way of business legislation, so much needed among us just now. As the law stands, if a person of wealth is disposed to aid a young man in business by advancing him money and without participating in person in the management of his affairs, (per agreement, to pay himself with a share of the profits of the concern,) he cannot do so except at the risk of the whole of his estate.

Elsewhere in this country, as well as in Europe, the capitalist may by law thus aid his young friend to any amount he pleases, without making a lien on his property for more than the amount specified in their published articles of agreement or copartnership. The

enactment of a similar law for this District would at once throw an aggregate amount of perhaps millions into trade here; and thus, by increasing business competition, would materially benefit all classes of society.

Monetary and Commercial.—The following quotations of bonds, stocks and land warrants were furnished us to-day, (February 1) by Chubb Brothers:

BONDS AND CITY STOCKS.	Par.	100	100 1/2
Washington Corporation 5 per cent.	100	97	98
City of Washington 6 do	100	97	98
Alexandria do do	100	97	98
COTTONS.			
St. Louis City Bonds 5 per cent. ex int.	1,000	90	91
St. Louis City Bonds 6 do do	1,000	90	91
St. Louis City Bonds 7 do do	1,000	90	91
St. Louis City Bonds 8 do do	1,000	90	91
St. Louis City Bonds 9 do do	1,000	90	91
St. Louis City Bonds 10 do do	1,000	90	91
St. Louis City Bonds 11 do do	1,000	90	91
St. Louis City Bonds 12 do do	1,000	90	91
St. Louis City Bonds 13 do do	1,000	90	91
St. Louis City Bonds 14 do do	1,000	90	91
St. Louis City Bonds 15 do do	1,000	90	91
St. Louis City Bonds 16 do do	1,000	90	91
St. Louis City Bonds 17 do do	1,000	90	91
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St. Louis City Bonds 19 do do	1,000	90	91
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St. Louis City Bonds 98 do do	1,000	90	91
St. Louis City Bonds 99 do do	1,000	90	91
St. Louis City Bonds 100 do do	1,000	90	91

UNITED STATES STOCKS.	Par.	100	100 1/2
Loan of 1855 6 per cent.	100	97	98
Loan of 1856 6 do	100	97	98
Loan of 1857 6 do	100	97	98
Loan of 1858 6 do	100	97	98
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Loan of 1900 6 do	100	97	98

RAILROAD BONDS.	Par.	100	100 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio 6 do 1855	100	97	98
Baltimore & Ohio 6 do 1856	100	97	98
Baltimore & Ohio 6 do 1857	100	97	98
Baltimore & Ohio 6 do 1858	100	97	98
Baltimore & Ohio 6 do 1859	100	97	98
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Baltimore & Ohio 6 do 1870	100	97	98
Baltimore & Ohio 6 do 1871	100	97	98
Baltimore & Ohio 6 do 1872	100	97	98
Baltimore & Ohio 6 do 1873	100	97	98
Baltimore & Ohio 6 do 1874	100	97	98
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Baltimore & Ohio 6 do 1876	100	97	98
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